

THE EASTERN SHORE.

FATTENING OYSTERS BY GIVING THEM FRESH WATER.

Then They Bring Fancy Prices—The Cold Snap—The Governorship—Personal and General.

ONANCOCK, VA., February 1.—(Special.)—Many years ago it was found out by seaside oystermen that oysters could be rapidly fattened by putting them in vats of fresh water, and allowing them to remain for some days. This "drinking" process, as it is called, has been practiced for years on Chincoteague Island, where extensive vats have been constructed, and water-pipes have been laid leading to them from wells and pumps. There are many small fresh-water lakes on the island, and last fall some of the islanders thought they would try the experiment of putting a few oysters in them. It proved very successful, and the oysters when taken from these lakes and shipped to market brought fancy prices. As a result of this, nearly all the oystermen of the island are now using these lakes to fatten their oysters in, and the oysters thus fattened bring a dollar per barrel more than those taken from the surrounding bodies of salt water. It is contended by many that the oysters are not really made any fatter by allowing them to drink fresh water, but that it merely gives them a bloated appearance. At any rate, it accomplishes the purpose of the oystermen in enhancing their market value.

THE COLD SNAP.

The cold weather that has been prevailing here for the past week is the severest for several winters. The snow lies on the ground to the depth of about two inches, and all the creeks and estuaries are covered with ice. The hillsides around Margaret Academy, the only ones for many miles, are covered with a thick layer of snow. Sleigh-bells are heard on every hand, and skaters are enjoying a carnival of fun on the ice.

The impression prevails here that Congressman W. A. Jones will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The announcement that the Hon. Lloyd T. Smith, of Northumberland, will be a candidate for Attorney-General is accepted as a foregone conclusion. Mr. Jones will not enter the race, as he and Mr. Smith are known to be very warm personal and political friends. This being the case, persons here are beginning to canvass the relative merits of the other gentlemen mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination; and there seems to be a decided preference of sentiment in favor of J. Taylor Ellison, of Richmond. Among the more thoughtful and conservative men of the party on the Eastern Shore it is very generally recognized that the next Governor must be a level-headed, far-seeing business man who will lead in putting the affairs of the State in proper shape to meet the certain demands of the near future; and it is generally conceded that Ellison is just the man to place the State in the crisis that now confronts the State.

MASONIC.

The Masons of Chesapeake Lodge held a special communication here Saturday night, and made the Rev. Mr. Stone, of Parkersburg, an entered apprentice. In spite of the cold weather, there was a good attendance of the craft, and among them were four ministers, exclusive of the candidate. Past-Master Duncan delivered the lecture in the first degree.

The revival meetings that have been going on in the Northern Methodist church, at Parkersburg, and the Southern Methodist church, at Leesville, have been brought to a close. The one at Leesville, conducted by the Rev. Luther T. Hill, was very successful, thirty-eight persons having professed conversion.

The Rev. W. C. Vaden, presiding elder of the Southern Methodist church in the Eastern Shore District, held his quarterly meeting at Andrews chapel, near Nashville, Saturday and Sunday. Twelve years ago Mr. Vaden was pastor of the Onancock church and Andrew chapel.

The prevalence of hard times has not seriously interfered with matrimonial alliances. As was at one time feared, during the month just ended forty marriage licenses were issued from the Clerk's office of this county, and the cry is, "Still they come."

It is said that more than one half of the mail-routes in this county have been let to North Carolina, and that it will be let to them at much less than it will cost to carry the mails over them. There is a strong disposition among local mail-contractors to make no bids for these routes, but let the State take them at their own prices.

Congressman Jones, having authorized a competitive examination, to be held at Tappahannock, on February 10th, for the purpose of appointing a cadet from this district to the United States Military Academy, at West Point, Mr. George O. Nocks, of Accomac, will be among those who will stand the examination.

The spring term of Margaret Academy began to-day, and a number of new pupils were enrolled.

Grip and pneumonia are said to be very prevalent in many parts of the Eastern Shore.

Mr. George W. Bull died several days ago at his home, near Craddockville, in the southern Neck, and was buried yesterday. The great old gentleman was 81 years of age. He had been in declining health for several years.

News comes from Bradford's Neck, on the seaside, of the death of Mr. William R. Mapp, one of the oldest citizens of this county. He was an old bachelor, and for many years had led the life of a recluse, rarely leaving his home. Some of his old servants lived with him up to the day of his death, and were manifested great attachment to their former master.

Several days ago a colored boy, living with Mr. Stanley Lewis, at Parkersburg, was severely bitten by a dog he had been teasing. Several dogs, supposed to have been mad, have been killed in that neighborhood, and, though there is no evidence that the dog in question had been bitten by a "mad-dog," some anxiety is felt about the result of the bite.

The Hon. Richard R. Kenney, who was recently elected to the United States Senate from Delaware, is well known in Accomac, where he taught a public school in 1877. The great old gentleman, of Maryland, was once a school-teacher in this county.

Dr. A. Grayson Vaden, a recent graduate of the University-College of Medicine, is here.

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THE COCKADE CITY.

HIS SYSTEM COULD NOT STAND THE SHOCK.

Death of James R. Williamson—Expelled in the Street—A Tramp's Sharp Trick—Personal and General Notes.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 1.—(Special.)—Mr. James R. Williamson, who several days ago had been by a train near the union depot, died this afternoon at the Home for the Sick. The shock to the system was so great that but little hope was entertained for his life from the beginning. Mr. Williamson was at one time a successful merchant of this city. He leaves a wife and a large family of children.

Mr. Thomas Sykes, aged 82 years, died this morning at his home, on Halifax street, after an illness of about one week. Mr. Sykes was one of the oldest of Petersburg's citizens. He was very quiet in his habits, and was respected by all who knew him.

DEATH ON THE STREET.

John Parham, a worthy colored man, for eighteen years or more a trusted hand in the tobacco-factory of Messrs. John H. Maclin & Son, died very suddenly this morning on Harding street. He had left his home to go to work, as usual, when he was taken sick, and he sought to return to his home. He fell on the sidewalk, however, and died almost immediately, it is supposed, of heart disease.

A TRAMP'S SHARP TRICK.

A white tramp, who gives his name as C. N. Marburger, of New York, is in jail here to-day, on the charge of a larceny, accomplished by a very sharp trick. He went to the residence of Mrs. William F. Spivey, a high street this morning, and asked the servant whom he met for pen, ink, and some writing paper. These being furnished, he wrote a note, which he handed the servant and directed her to deliver it to the mistress. While the servant was gone the tramp went into the dining-room, helped himself to a quantity of silverware, and disappeared. His disappearance aroused suspicion, and on making examination, the silverware was missed, and its loss reported to the police. About two hours later Marburger was arrested and the missing ware and some money were recovered. His case will be heard by the Mayor to-morrow morning.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Fully 800 people tried to crowd into the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday afternoon, for a religious service for men. The hall only seats about 600 persons, and many, therefore, had to be turned away. Under the management and direction of the Rev. H. M. Hope, general secretary, the association has a large and active membership, and great interest is manifested in its meetings. Rev. W. R. Holcombe, the city preacher, delivered the address.

Holcombe, the city preacher, will conduct the revival service at the High Street Methodist Episcopal church every night this week.

Mr. Richard Anderson, a prominent lawyer of Salt Lake City, Utah, is in the city on professional business, and is not coming down the river through by rail to Fredericksburg, and then "tramp" homeward, over the snow-clad hills of Stafford and King George, facing a plowman.

The very poor people and many laborers are experiencing the hardest time this winter that ever fell to their lot. Large numbers of the latter are just now out of employment, and having not saved up enough from last year's earnings to supply them through the winter, they realize for the first time what the great business depression of the country actually means. The low prices of all farm produce have forced the farmers to curtail their hired force and suspend operations during the winter, and this leaves the laboring classes without employment for the present.

OLD BURG AND VICINITY.

Successful Revival—The Hospital—Many Sick in Suffolk.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 1.—(Special.)—Rev. F. P. Hamer, of Savannah, Ga., who has been here for some time assisting the Rev. Mr. McNamee in a series of meetings, at the Presbyterian church, will remain another week. There will be a general meeting of the church to-morrow night, to receive the report of the committee appointed to draft the charter for the Mary Washington hospital. The interest manifested in this undertaking, assures a large attendance.

Mrs. Philip Natchman is reported to be seriously ill in Washington, D. C. She was, before marriage, Miss Kalkinsky, of Norfolk.

MANY SICK.

Dr. Hall, of Falmouth, reports that he has twenty-five cases in grip and pneumonia on his visiting list in Stafford county.

Mrs. George Beagle, of Truett's Store, and Mrs. M. J. Jones, of Brock's Station, are seriously ill.

Mrs. Harry Brackenridge and children, of Pennsylvania, who have been the guests of Mr. W. H. Richards, and family, left this morning for home.

The annual meeting of the Sunday school of the Baptist church was held yesterday afternoon to elect officers for the coming year. Dr. L. D. Dumas was the guest speaker; Captain S. J. Quinn, vice-president; A. B. Bowring, superintendent; S. E. Eastburn, treasurer, and William Blake, librarian.

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Working the full set of employees into the wee small hours last night.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE CASES WILL SEE THE FIRST LIGHT OF DAY THIS MORNING—all stuffs from the last week's

New York Sheriff's Sale.

Not a turn in the road from the greatest bargains our Richmond people have ever seen.

in this sale have undertaken to make dollars out of nickels. The finest and highest grades of merchandise at any prices that the auctioneers' hammers may have closed the bargains and con-

signed the selling Cohenward.

16,000 yards of Hamburg Embroideries at twenty-five cents on the dollar.

12,700 yards of Silk for one half and one quarter price.

87,000 yards of Cotton Fabrics for less than one half wholesale cost.

1,275 dozen Handkerchiefs for one third their cost.

White Goods, Hosiery, Linens, Colored and Black Dress Goods, Houseware, and a thousand and one other things.

No one in Richmond has ever seen such a great

STOCK OF SILKS.

The prime new things of the prime for 1897 spring styles sell for a mere song. Thousands and thousands of yards. Hundreds and hundreds of styles.

9,578 yards New Spring Taffeta Silks, entirely new designs, most beautiful in variety, colorings, and quality, 33 different patterns, silks that you would say cheap at 75c a yard; to-day 35c a yard.

Changeable Silks, this spring's newest colorings, cheap at 25c, for 12c a yard; Pure Silk Taffeta-Finished Silks, in various colorings, well worth 50c a yard; Pure for 25c a yard.

Heavy Rustling Taffeta Silks, 75c quality, for 35c a yard.

Handsome Black Taffeta Silks, with beautiful brocade figures, heavy quality, in various colorings, well worth 50c a yard; Pure for 25c a yard.

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AUCTION SALES—This Day.

By George H. Valentine, Auctioneer, No. 6 west Broad street.

LARGE SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, ETC. TO-DAY AT 10.30 A. M.

10 Bureaus, walnut and poplar; 15 Walnut and Poplar Bedsteads; several Hair-Mattresses, 100 Feather Pillows, Feather Bed, Oak Chamber Suite, Oak Buffets, Wardrobes, several new and second-hand Carpets, Wire Bedsteads, 2 Flat-Glass Show-Cases, 1 Pine Umbrella Show-Case, 1 Walnut Bedstead, Mahogany Card Table, Mahogany Washstands and Bureaus, 20 barrels Flour, and many sundry articles. The ladies cordially invited to attend this sale. GEORGE H. VALENTINE, Auctioneer, to 2-11.

SASH, DOOR, AND BOX-MAKER.

WIRT A. CHESTERMAN, SASH, DOOR, AND BOX-FACTORY, TAYLOR AND RESERVOR STREETS, (to 2-Tu, Tu & SuM)

PROPERTY-OWNERS, ATTENTION!

The Commissioner of Revenue has completed making transfers of Real Estate for 1896 on the Land-Books. PLEASE RE-EXAMINE all you are interested in are PROPERLY MADE, before we make up the Tax-Books. It will save all parties trouble. to 2-11.

EMPLOYMENT WANTS.

WANTED. A POSITION AS SUPERINTENDENT or Foreman in Sugar-Factory, who also understands the manufacturing of chemicals, all-to-bag, cartridges, etc. Had successful charge of factories the last fifteen years and been in possession of the very highest testimonials as to character and ability. Please address W. YOUNG, 103 east Canal street, New York, to 2-11.

WANTED. YOUNG MAN, 25 YEARS OF AGE, desires Position as Book-keeper, Assistant Cashier, or similar position. Can furnish ample references. Address Box 24, city. to 2-11.

WANTED. A GOOD NURSE, FOR ONE CHILD, with good recommendations. Call between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock at 98 west Main street. to 2-11.

WANTED. Short-hand, typewritten, Book-keeping, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, etc. Call on J. C. BISHOP, 103 east Canal street, New York, to 2-11.

WANTED. A REGISTERED PHARMACIST, thoroughly competent and reliable, a position, containing seven or eight years to qualifications and character. Address PHARMACIST, Box 16, Newport News, Va. to 2-11.

WANTED. TRAVELLING SALESMEN FOR CIGARS, old, reliable, references, extra inducements to successful salesmen. Address SAMUEL H. COITRELL, 103 east Canal street, New York, to 2-11.

WANTED. BY A LADY, THE USE OF PIANO FOR STORAGE. Best of references. Will pay office. Address Z. care of Dispatch office. to 2-11.

WANTED. TO TRADE A NEW RAMBLER Bicycle for a Horse or Phaeton, or will sell cheap. Wheel can be seen at 301 east Marshall street. to 2-11.

WANTED. CONSUMERS OF COAL TO KNOW that they can buy the most reliable, Grate Fuel, the Clover-Hill Coal, as low as \$3.00 per ton. I will also sell 50 bushels of leading Coal, for \$5. All other kinds of Fuel at lowest prices.

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